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**UD STUDENTS MARK ST. PATRICK'S DAY
WITH BOISTEROUS CELEBRATION, 14 ARRESTED**

DAYTON, Ohio — On the whole, the St. Patrick's Day celebration in the student neighborhood was boisterous but law-abiding, with most students cooperating with law enforcement agencies, say University of Dayton officials.

"The Dayton police, liquor control agents and public safety worked very well together to provide an environment that did not foster conflict between students and police," said Lt. Randy Groesbeck of UD's public safety department. "The students were very cooperative, and their behavior under the circumstances was very good. And we appreciated it."

Public safety and Dayton police beefed up patrols in the neighborhood on Wednesday, March 17, with 21 public safety officers and 18 to 20 Dayton officers on duty. Although no official count was taken, Groesbeck estimates thousands of students celebrated the holiday in the student neighborhood.

Arrests numbered 14, with three confirmed as UD students.

The most serious incident resulted in the felony arrest of a UD student who threw a lit flare at a public safety officer at about 1 a.m. Public safety officials will confer with the Montgomery County prosecutor's office on criminal charges to be levied against the student.

Public safety officers also arrested four students — two from UD, one from Sinclair and one from Otterbein — for public intoxication after they attempted but failed to set a couch on fire. The four were transported to jail.

Additional arrests in and around the student neighborhood were made by Dayton police and agents from the state liquor control board. Neither agency identified whether the people they apprehended were UD students, although public safety officials will use student records to determine if they are enrolled at the University.

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Five people were jailed after being arrested by the Dayton Police Department, with four charged with public intoxication and one with disorderly conduct.

Officials from the Ohio Department of Public Safety Liquor Control Board arrested four and issued 14 citations during their patrol of the Brown Street area. The charges included one for dangerous ordnance levied against a person, not a UD student, who was found with a shotgun, one for disorderly conduct, five for public intoxication and disorderly conduct, and 11 for underage drinking.

UD public safety officers issued nine citations to UD students, including seven citations directly related to alcohol. Citations ranged from underage drinking to violation of University policy. The students will be sanctioned through the University's disciplinary process.

Any UD students facing criminal charges are also liable to be sanctioned through the University's disciplinary process.

Three minor fires and three injuries were reported during the St. Patrick's Day celebration. A dumpster fire on College Park was quickly extinguished by the Dayton Fire Department. A small trash can fire on the 400 block of Lowes Street was doused by a public safety officer. And a chair set on fire on the 400 block of Keifaber Street was also doused by officers just after it started to flame. No suspects were apprehended in the fires.

The University's volunteer student rescue squad transported three UD students to area hospitals. Two students were hit by bottles and required treatment for minor injuries, and one was transported with an injured hand.

Clean-up crews from the residential properties department started work in the student neighborhood at 7 a.m. Thursday.